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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 December 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 12/14/2001.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1 – 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Buch et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,463,468.

As per claim 1, Buch teaches a computer including an application window containing first information and having an associated utility bar and/or menu bar, an information window integrated into the utility bar and/or menu bar (see Buch, figure 4, item 406) and displaying second information independently of the first information displayed in the application window (see Buch, figure 4, item 404, column 3, lines 3 – 12 and column 7, lines 1 – 4).

As per claim 2, which is dependent on claim 1, Buch teaches the method of claim 1 (see rejection above). Buch further teaches the computer of claim 1 wherein the application window is for navigating a computer network (see Buch, column 6, lines 56 – 61) and wherein the information window displays information independently of a node on the computer network currently being visited by the computer program (see Buch, column 3, lines 3 – 12).

As per claim 3, which is dependent on claim 2, Buch teaches the method of claim 2 (see rejection above). Buch further teaches the computer of claim 2 wherein information displayed in the information window is received via a computer network (see Buch, column 2, line 67 – column 3, line 3).

As per claim 4, which is dependent on claim 3, Buch teaches the method of claim 3 (see rejection above). Buch further teaches the computer of claim 3 wherein the information displayed in the information window includes a hot link to a node on the computer network.

Claims 5 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Moraes, U.S. Patent No. 6,014,502.

As per claim 5, Moraes teaches a method for sending information on a computer network including the steps of:

- a) compiling personal profiles for each of a plurality of subscribers (see Moraes, column 5, lines 3 – 12);
- b) receiving a plurality of notices via the computer network, each notice including associated interest criteria (see Moraes, column 20, lines 37 - 56);
- c) comparing each interest criteria with each personal profile (see Moraes, column 20, lines 3 – 12); and
- d) selectively sending the plurality of notices via the computer network to the plurality of subscribers based upon said step c) (see Moraes, column 5, lines 18 – 23).

As per claim 6, which is dependent on claim 5, Moraes teaches the method of claim 5 (see rejection above). Moraes further teaches the method of claim 5 further including the step of displaying at least one of the notices in an information window integrated into a utility bar and/or menu bar of a computer application and displaying second information in an associated application window independently of the displayed notice (see Moraes, figure 8, items 800 and 824, column 16, lines 65 – 67 and column 19, lines 50 – 53).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Umar Arshad whose telephone number is (703) 305-0329. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 9am - 5:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kristine L Kincaid can be reached on (703) 308-0640. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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